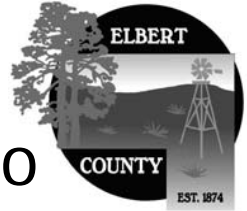


Notice of Election Elbert County, Colorado



General Election

Tuesday, November 6th, 2012

7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Early Voting is October 22nd - November 2nd

Weekdays: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Elbert County Government
Election Office
215 Comanche Street
Kiowa, Colorado 80117

(303) 621-3127

This pamphlet contains information on ballot issues as required by the State of Colorado Constitution, Article X, Section 20

A "YES" vote on any measure is a vote IN FAVOR OF changing constitutional or statutory law; a "NO" vote on any measure is a vote AGAINST changing constitutional or statutory law.

For statewide measures, a separate notice will be mailed and can be found at www.coloradobluebook.com

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This notice is mailed to each address with 1 or more active, registered electors in Elbert School District

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

ELBERT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 200 ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election date: November 6, 2012

Election hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local election office address and phone number:

Designated Election Official: Bev McGuire, 24489 Main Street, Elbert,
Colorado 80106; telephone number (303) 648-3030

Coordinated Election Official: Diana Hartsough, Elbert County Clerk and
Recorder; P.O. Box 37, 215 Comanche Street, Kiowa, Colorado 80117;
telephone number (303) 621-3116

Ballot title and text:

Ballot Issue 3A: Matching Money General Obligation Bond

SHALL ELBERT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 200 DEBT BE INCREASED UP
TO \$2.9 MILLION, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$5 MILLION
AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$250,000 AN-
NUALLY, BY THE ISSUANCE AND PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION
BONDS TO PROVIDE LOCAL MATCHING MONEY REQUIRED FOR THE
DISTRICT TO RECEIVE \$17.3 MILLION IN STATE FINANCIAL ASSIS-
TANCE UNDER THE "BEST" PROGRAM TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF:

- CONSTRUCTING A NEW PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH
TWELFTH GRADE EDUCATIONAL FACILITY ON THE EXISTING
SCHOOL CAMPUS IN ORDER TO MEET CURRENT HEALTH,
SAFETY AND ENERGY USE STANDARDS;

WHICH STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED
TO BE REPAYED AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER SCHOOL DIS-
TRICTS IF THIS BALLOT ISSUE IS NOT PASSED;

AND WHICH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TOGETHER WITH
\$500,000 PROVIDED FROM DISTRICT BUILDING FUNDS TO REDUCE
THE BOND AMOUNT OTHERWISE REQUIRED, SHALL BEAR INTEREST,
MATURE, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PRE-
MIUM, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES, AT SUCH PRICES
(AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAIN-

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons
AGAINST Ballot Issue 3A:

Voters, please think over this ballot issue carefully before you vote. We have
gone through this two times already, and are still waiting to get complete, and
more importantly, accurate information. We were told two years ago that the
school would be closed by the State in 2-3 years if the bond issue did not pass;
we were told there would be consolidation if the bond issue did not pass; we
were told the State deemed the facility unusable; and last year we were told that
the bond impact would only be \$6.31 per \$100,000 of home value. These were
all not true. This year a third party said part of the building could be used. The
\$6.31 last year was based on an average of some imaginary home. The actual
cost would have been at least twice this amount.

This year we have had silence from the school through the middle of September
on the bond issue. Nothing more has been done to reduce the amount of the
bond issue from last year. The imaginary tax increase provided by the school
last year does not exist, and so now it is difficult to honestly present what the
actual cost will be this year without admitting that the information provided last
year was not accurate. Ask a board member what the "tax impact" and mill levy
will be with the bond issue. Efforts to have accurate information provided last
year were turned down by the school board, so this year we have little or no
information on the bond effort. This bond issue will increase your school taxes
by over 70%. Nothing has changed from the previous two bond election at-
tempts. The Assessed Valuation of the Elbert School District has gone down
from last year, which means a higher mill levy and more taxes per \$100,000 of
value will be needed to pay the bond debt. Any time during the term of the bond
that the assessed valuation of the Elbert School District goes down, taxes will
go up.

Summaries of written comments filed with the election officer:

The following summaries were prepared from comments filed by persons FOR Ballot Issue 3A:

Vote Yes on 3A!

The children of our school district need your help! While some want to deny our children a new school while they debate small percentages and estimates, we need to help the children without further delay. The state is offering to help our children by giving them a \$17 million grant for a new school and a better chance to learn. The state has determined that our children do not have a safe environment or the basic safety equipment that many of us enjoy at work every day. The children of this community deserve to have the same basic safety we have. They have the right to learn in a good facility. The children need to know we care and support them as they work hard every day in their classrooms. The state recognizes this, so they have offered to help in a big way. The kids need us to do our part by passing this bond issue right away and quit negotiating our small part (approximately 14 cents on the dollar) of this great opportunity and need. We have great kids in this community and we need to let them know we believe in them by helping them have the best facility we can. We are the only thing standing in the way of the state building this new school for our kids. As parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends, we need to help the kids by voting yes for this bond. It is such a small thing the kids are asking of us. They are powerless to do this themselves. Help the children get a safe and modern school to learn in. Let's show our children we believe in them and their future by voting yes on 3A.

ING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HERewith, AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE; AND SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE TO PRODUCE AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT AND TO FUND ANY RESERVES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF?

Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2008-2009 (actual)	\$2,933,666
2009-2010 (actual)	2,817,084
2010-2011 (actual)	2,679,228
2011-2012 (actual)	2,681,107
2012-2013 (current year estimated)	3,081,107

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2008-2009 through 2012-2013: 5.03%

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five year period from 2008-2009 through 2012-2013: \$147,441

Estimated 2012-2013 fiscal year spending without taking into account the tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3A: \$3,081,107

Estimated 2012-2013 tax increase authorized by Ballot Issue 3A: \$250,000

Information regarding bonded debt proposed by Ballot Issue 3A:

Principal amount:	\$2,900,000
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$250,000
Maximum total repayment cost:	\$5,000,000

Information regarding current bonded debt:

Principal balance:	\$-0-
Maximum annual repayment cost:	\$-0-
Maximum remaining total repayment cost:	\$-0-